

# WRECK CAUSE OF DEATH

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## One Man Killed, Two Fatally Injured, Result of Two Railway Accidents.

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JACKSON, Mich., July 14.—One man was killed and a dozen persons were injured, two fatally, in two wrecked trains.

Engineer J. Martin of Detroit was buried beneath his engine and crushed to death when a train of empty baggage cars running from Chicago to Buffalo left the rails. His fireman, Clayton F. Cola of Jackson, was terribly scalded and may not recover.

**Head-On Collision.**

A few hours later two passenger trains on the Grand Rapids division collided head-on on the Grand river bridge.

few miles north of Jackson. W. J. Field, fireman, of Jackson was terribly crushed; Engineer George Heacock, of Jackson, was seriously hurt, and several passengers were badly bruised and shaken up. The tender of one engine and a baggage car went into the river and two coal cars were wrecked.

The cause of the first accident has not been learned; a misunderstanding of orders is believed to be responsible for the second.

Both Clayton F. Cole and W. J. Field, fireman, died last night in a hospital, making a total of three deaths resulting from the two wrecks.

**PARCEL POST MAP BARRED.**  
**Post Office Department to Adopt**  
**Charts in Its Stead.**  
The use of the cumbersome parcel post map has been ordered discontinued by Postmaster General Burleson in so far as postmasters and the general public are concerned as a means of determining rates of postage. In the future a chart will be prepared from the original map

This arrangement will make it possible to locate a unit and determine the rate of postage on a parcel more readily. To do this it will only be necessary to refer to the name of the post office in the guide to learn the number of the unit in which it is located and then consult the special chart for the zone location of the unit. The use of the map has no

**REQUEST IS DENIED.**

**French Government Not Permitted to Inspect American Powder Processes.**

Secretary Garrison has declined the request of the French government for permission to have some of its ordnance officers inspect the processes of American powder manufacture. The original request

covered not only the government factories, but the great private corporations which make the larger part of the smokeless powder consumed by the government. The Secretary's declination as to the government factories was based upon the lack of reciprocity on the part of the French government, which had declined to allow American ordnance officers to examine the French ordnance factories. As to the private powder concerns, the Secretary pointed out that the United States government had no control whatever over them.

The war department has been in powder under contract from an American company—the du Ponts—that corporation protested vigorously against the disclosure of its trade secrets to a foreign government, asserting that from patriotic motives it had previously rejected overtures to that foreign government to sell it powder or to establish a powder factory in France.

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**TO ELIMINATE THE UNFIT.**

**Surgeon General Would Improve**

**Navy's Personnel.**

Surgeon General Stokes of the navy has advanced a proposition to improve the personnel of the commissioned officers of the navy by eliminating all those who are temperamentally unfit for naval service in the higher grades. In a special paper prepared by him the surgeon general takes the ground that the time has arrived when something more than the ordinary physical test must be applied to naval officers, and that methods should be developed for the segregation of those temperamentally unsuited for a naval ca-

reer. It holds that the success of our arms at sea may depend largely upon the temperamental qualifications of the commander in chief.

It is probable that the present system of monthly physical exercise by naval officers, originally prescribed by President Roosevelt, will give place to a thorough annual physical and medical examination. Most of the naval officers feel that the monthly "march and walk" is only an annoyance and serves no useful purpose in physical development. The surgeon general of the navy has taken that view.

PLAINT AGAINST TEXAS CITY.

### Army Officers Object, in Letters, to Retention of Camp.

Evidently tiring of the routine of drills and maneuvers in a flat, hot and uninteresting country, many of the army officers attached to the maneuver division are writing to friends in this city earnestly inquiring when they are to be relieved from service at Texas City, near Houston, Tex. The latest objection to the retention of the camp advanced by some of the officers is that it is too far from the coast to be of any use in training the troops for amphibious operations.

these officers is the danger or risk of being drowned out during the hurricane season, which, they assert, seems to be due every thirteen years.

Secretary Garrison has already had more than two investigations of Gen. Carter's camp, resulting in favorable reports upon the location, but he will make a personal investigation when he touches that point of his approaching western tour of inspection of army posts.

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## DEMAND FOR HOME RULE.

Protest Against Appointment of

### Missourian to Place in Hawaii.

Protests against the selection of Claude Ball of Missouri to be United States district attorney for Hawaii are reaching Washington. These protests are based on the home rule plank of the Baltimore platform, which states that the democratic party believes that the officials appointed to administer the government of all the territories and the District of Columbia should be qualified by previous bona fide residence. Mr. Ball has not resided in Hawaii.

**Kills Wife, Three Children and Self.**  
CONNELLVILLE, Pa., July 14.—George Mehalinski, a Polish miner, early today shot and killed his wife Dorthia, and their three children, Erna, aged eight; Anthony, aged three, and Andrew, aged six, at their home in Trotter, a mining village one mile from here. He

then killed himself. Jealousy was assigned by neighbors as the cause of the tragedy.